

# Welcome to Hall Cross Academy

Welcome to Hall Cross Academy. Many thanks for taking the time to attend our Open Evening.

All of our Lower School departments are open for you to visit this evening. Please use the map and follow the signs to make your way around our site. There will be students and staff on hand all evening to guide you on your way and answer any questions you may have.

If you would like to visit the school during the working day we would be happy to accommodate this. Please complete a query form in the Main Hall and we will make contact with you to arrange a suitable date and time.

**We hope that you have an enjoyable evening.**

At Hall Cross Academy we are committed to developing students into independent, powerful learners who are ready to take on the challenges of life in modern Britain. To achieve this aim student voice worked with a group of teachers to develop the Hall Cross Learner. The Hall Cross Learner is a set of expectations made up of seven qualities that we believe will furnish our students with the characteristics they need to succeed in school and their future career.



## CARE

At Hall Cross, our students enjoy celebrating and promoting our values through our CARE programme. CARE stands for:

**Community Achievement Respect Equality**



Community



Achievement



Respect



Equality

# What our learners say...



I love it at Hall Cross Academy. When I joined I was a little worried because I was the only student from my primary school. I shouldn't have worried! I've met loads of people and made lots of new friends. My favourite lesson is games. I have loved learning about different sports and how to play them. I am really happy here at Hall Cross and I'm glad I came here.

Nate Y8

I am coming to the end of my time at Lower School and I have learned so much and had so many opportunities to get involved in things I never thought I would! There is such a wide range of extra-curricular activities to get involved in. The lessons are always fun and interesting, teachers find a way of making subjects engaging. I am now ready to start the next phase of my journey at upper school and I know that the skills I have developed at KS3 will help me be successful academically.

Teni Y9



I absolutely love it here at Hall Cross! All the teachers are so kind and welcoming. They are always there for us when we need support or guidance. They always make lessons fun and engaging. Also, it is very easy to make friends because everybody is so kind. There are lots of fun extra-curricular activities to participate in at Hall Cross. You are sure to find something that suits you!

Natalie Y8



I like Hall Cross because we get to do so many different subjects. If you have a problem or you are upset about something there is always a member of staff to help you and give you advice. The teachers are fun and make lessons really interesting, they help you if you are struggling so don't be afraid to ask for help! My favourite subject is Baccalaureate (also known as Base) because it is fun and you learn loads. You are in your Base lessons for 2 and a half days a week so you really get to know your teacher and your classmates and they know you too!

Zara Y7



I think Hall Cross is an incredible school where you learn so much and have lots of fun in the process. The after-school clubs are great as well with sporting and non-sporting activities on offer where you can make lots of new friends. This is a perfect school with everything your child needs to progress in later life.

Cole Y7

Enjoying excellence every day



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# Open Evening

October 2021

# A message from our Principal

Hall Cross is an historic institution which is proud of its traditions but what motivates us every day is securing the best future for every one of the young people we serve.

A large and vibrant comprehensive academy with nearly 2000 students on roll including approximately 450 students in our thriving sixth form, Hall Cross is located over two campuses close to Doncaster town centre. We are, therefore, very much at the heart of our community.

Having worked at Hall Cross Academy for 28 years, it was an honour to have been appointed to the role of Principal in 2019. I believe Hall Cross is a 'school with a soul' and I am determined that we retain our uniquely inclusive culture and ethos, our broad and balanced curriculum, and our fantastic range of extracurricular opportunities.

Our teachers are an outstanding team of professionals absolutely dedicated to innovative

and exciting teaching practice which provides all learners with the opportunity to excel. Additionally, we have a dedicated pastoral team who work to support students with care and guidance should they require it.

Hall Cross is an academy that strives for excellence and balances that drive with a determination to ensure our students enjoy their school days. "Enjoying excellence" is therefore at the centre of our mission.

I hope this brochure provides you with the insight and information you need and if you require further information do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

Yours faithfully,

**Mr Simon Swain**  
Principal

# Site Map

This is a map of your tour, use the tick boxes on the right to keep track of which buildings on site you have visited.



# The leadership team



**Mr S Swain**  
Principal



**Mrs S Forsythe**  
Senior Vice Principal  
Standards and Performance



**Mr N Watts**  
Vice Principal  
Learner Experience - Designated Safeguarding Lead



**Mr J Harris**  
Assistant Principal  
Head of Sixth Form and Upper School - Learner Experience



**Mr T Goodchild**  
Assistant Principal  
Head of Lower School - Learner Experience



**Mrs G Massarella-Burton**  
Assistant Principal  
Quality of Teaching and Professional Development



**Mrs K Miles**  
Assistant Principal  
Inclusion and Attendance

# Your safety

## Fire Procedures

In the event that the fire alarm should sound please evacuate the building by the nearest exit, following direction from Academy staff, and assemble on the grass at the front of the main building.

## Covid Safety

We want you to feel welcome and safe in our school. Although we will not require you to wear a mask, you may do so if you wish. Please be mindful of social distancing protocols if rooms become crowded.